REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2006 ("Office Action"). Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-20, 23-29, and 32 and objects to Claims 5-6, 12-13, 21-22, and 30-31. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-20, 23-29, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,408,296 to Acharya et al. (*"Acharya"*). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

Independent Claim 1 is allowable at least because *Acharya* fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, "transmitting, to a server, the selected file, the profile, and the at least one associated file." The Office Action claims that "when a file is transmitted, according to Acharya et al., the indirect link and associated files are transmitted with the file," pointing to Col. 2, Lines 10-41 and Col. 3, Lines 53-62 of *Acharya* as teaching this limitation. *See* Office Action, Page 4; *see also* Office Action, Page 7. This is incorrect.

Acharya merely describes an indirect link, but fails to mention a profile or an associated file. *See Acharya*, Col. 2, Lines 10-41. Additionally, Col. 3, Lines 53-62 of *Acharya* disclose "[u]pon selection of the indirect link, the client transmits the logical reference to the server . . . [w]hen the server receives the logical reference, it . . . retrieves and transmits the file to the client." *See Acharya*, Col. 3, Lines 53-62 (emphasis added). Because the Office Action claims at page 3 that an indirect link is a profile, which the Applicant denies, this passage clearly fails to disclose that a profile is transmitted to the server, as claimed. *See id.* This passage also fails to describe a logical reference as a file, thus, the passage fails to disclose the transmitting of at least one associated file. *See id.* For at least this reason, Independent Claim 1 is allowable, as are Claims 2-8 that depend therefrom. For analogous reasons, Independent Claims 9, 16, and 25 are allowable, as are Claims 10-15, 17-24, and 26-32, respectively, that depend therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested.

Independent Claim 1 is allowable also at least because *Acharya* fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, "generating a profile for a selected file, the profile identifying at least

one associated file to be accessed by the selected file." The Office Action relies on Col. 3, Lines 35-62 of *Acharya* as teaching this limitation. *See* Office Action, Page 3; *see also* Office Action, Page 6. It does not. This passage discloses that "[t]he use of indirect links is implemented by associating an indirect link with a logical reference which uniquely identifies a file independently of the file's location on a server." *See Acharya*, Col. 3, Lines 37-40. This passage fails to disclose that the logical reference is a file or that the logical reference is accessed by the selected file, it merely discloses that the logical reference identifies a file. *See id.* Furthermore, page 7-8 of the Office Action claims that this limitation is met by *Acharya* disclosing:

> a server transmits a web page containing an indirect link to a client responsively to the client's request, a user selects an indirect link at the client, the client transmits a logical reference associated with the indirect link to the server identified in the logical reference, the server identifies a current electronic address of the file identified by the logical reference and the server transmits the file identified by the electronic address to the client.

See Acharya, Fig. 3. However, this figure not only discloses that the logical reference is accessed by the server, not the selected file as is stated in Independent Claim 1, but it also fails to disclose that the logical reference is a file itself.

Additionally, *Acharya* fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, a profile. For example, the Office Action claims that an indirect link, as disclosed by *Acharya*, is a profile because an "indirect link is the file immediately associated with the file" *See* Office Action, Page 3 (emphasis added). However, *Acharya* does not describe an indirect link as a file, instead, *Acharya* expressly describes an indirect link as "a logical link identifying a file to be retrieved." *See Acharya*, Col. 2, Lines 25-26 (emphasis added). Furthermore, the Office Action claims that at Page 11, Line 31 - Page 12, Line 1 of the Applicant's specification, the Applicant describes a profile as "files that are immediately associated with the file." *See* Office Action, Page 3; *see also* Office Action, Page 6-7. However, this passage expressly states that a profile for a given file "may identify files that are immediately associated with the file" not that the profile is the files immediately associated with the files, as indicated in the Office Action. *See* Applicant's specification, Page 11, Line 31 - Page 12, Line 1 (emphasis added). For at least this reason, Independent Claim 1 is allowable, as are Claims 2-8 that depend therefrom. For analogous reasons, Independent Claims 9, 16, and 25 are

allowable, as are Claims 10-15, 17-24, and 26-32, respectively, that depend therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested.

Independent Claim 16 is allowable at least because *Acharya* fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, "for each level of the descendent files, generating a profile for each descendent file in the level, the profile identifying all of the descendent files that are immediately associated with the descendent file as immediately associated with the descendant file." The Office Action does not specifically identify what it contends meets this limitation, but relies generally on the claim, made at page 3-4 of the Office Action, that an indirect link is a profile and thus teaches this particular limitation. This is incorrect. For instance, if an indirect link fixes a broken link, as is disclosed by *Acharya* at Col. 3, Lines 36-66, and an indirect link is a profile, as is claimed by the Office Action and denied by the Applicant, then <u>a profile fixes a broken link</u> and there is no need for <u>additional profiles or descendant files</u> immediately associated with a descendent file. Consequently, *Acharya* fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, the limitations of Independent Claim 16. For at least this reason, Independent Claim 16 is allowable, as are Claims 17-24 that depend therefrom. Reconsideration and favorable action is requested.
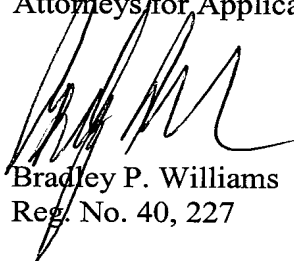
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

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